

# Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (Jan 1, to Jan 31, 2014)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
226	169	-25%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
1,242	828	-33 %

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of January 2014 were:

- Trucks: 34 cases – a significant increase compare to 15 cases the month of December
- Hondas: 25 cases (mid 90's), a slight increase compare to 20 cases the month of December
- Motorcycles: 4 cases – a large decrease compare to 13 cases the month of December
- In 41% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

**APD reminds you to take safety precaution. It only takes seconds for a thief to take your items, your identity and sometimes your car. Don't give a thief an opportunity to commit these crimes.**

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running even if you'll only be gone for a minute – leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car. Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- Take your valuables with you. Don't give thieves the opportunity to steal your valuables.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.

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